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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR CONTINUATION-IN-PART APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought, namely the improvement in: METHOD OF STERILIZING MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS

described and claimed in the specification:

- a. ☐ attached hereto;  
b. ☒ filed on September 3, 2003 as Rule 53(b) Continuing Application U.S. Application No. 09/674,712 and designated as U.S. Application No. 10/653,174;

and that this application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in the earlier filed pending application, Application No. 09/674,712, filed 11/16/2000. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of this application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; and that I acknowledge my duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

Under Title 35, U.S. Code §119, the priority benefits of the following foreign application(s) and/or United States provisional application(s) filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns within one year prior to said earlier filed pending application are hereby claimed:

Japanese Patent Application No. 11-368643 filed on December 27, 1999  
Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-71644 filed on March 15, 2000.

The following applications for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention were filed in countries foreign to the United States of America either (a) more than one year prior to said earlier filed pending application, or (b) before the filing date of the above-named foreign priority application(s) and/or United States provisional application(s):

As to any and all subject matter of this application which is not common to said earlier application, I acknowledge my duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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